

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 072260 TOSEC 030215  
ORIGIN INR-07

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 SS-15 ISO-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSC-05  
NSCE-00 /028 R

DRAFTED BY INR/CIS:EHECK:BAL  
APPROVED BY INR/DDR: M PACKMAN  
INR: R KIRK  
S/S: MR. SEBASTIAN

-----020036Z 020475 /14  
O 020009Z APR 77 ZFF4  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 072260 TOSEC 030215

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, XG, XF, XT, XE

SUBJECT: INR WRAP-UP OF REACTIONS TO SOVIET REJECTION OF  
US SALT PROPOSALS

1. A REVIEW OF EDITORIALS IN MAJOR EUROPEAN AND OTHER  
NEWSPAPERS OF APRIL 1 AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AS OF 3:00  
PM EST SHOWS THAT:

--WHILE SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS DREW PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSIONS  
ABOUT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS, A LARGER NUMBER  
TOOK A "NO REASON TO PANIC" LINE.

--SOME WEST GERMAN EDITORIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT  
THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

--SEVERAL PAPERS SAW THE SOVIETS' ACTION AS  
A TESTING OF THE US, NOT AS CLOSING THE DOOR ON  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 072260 TOSEC 030215

ARMS CONTROL;

--A FEW BLAMED THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY  
FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS.

2. DETAILS FOLLOW:  
BRITAIN: THE DAILY TELEGRAPH CALLED THE SOVIETS' RE-  
JECTION OF THE US PROPOSALS "NO CAUSE FOR HAND-WRINGING,

LET ALONE PANIC." IT FELT THAT "BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL REJECTION WAS A DELIBERATE AND EVEN STAGE-MANAGED REBUFF" DESIGNED TO GIVE THE "FAINTHEARTED AND THE LEFT" THEIR CUE TO "WAIL" THAT THE DEADLOCK WAS DUE TO BREZHNEV'S ANGER AT THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

THE TIMES SAW THE SOVIET REJECTION AS "NOT SURPRISING OR EVEN . . . PARTICULARLY DISTURBING." IT THOUGHT THAT THE SOVIETS FOUND THE PROPOSALS TOO FAR-REACHING TO BE DIGESTED IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT THEIR REJECTION WAS "FAR MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN A FIT OF PIQUE" OVER HUMAN RIGHTS BUT PROBABLY SOMETHING LESS THAN TOTAL REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE ON ARMS CONTROL.

THE ECONOMIST WROTE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE "A POWERFUL INCENTIVE" TO RETHINK THEIR REJECTION OF US PROPOSALS BECAUSE IF THERE IS A RENEWED ARMS RACE, THE US "IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO WIN."

WEST GERMANY: DIE WELT (BONN) WROTE THAT MOSCOW'S REJECTION OF THE US OFFER TO RESTRICT THE RANGE OF CRUISE MISSILES IS "EVEN WELCOME NEWS," SINCE "TO SACRIFICE THEM TO AN AMELIORATION OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD STRAIN US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS."

THE FRANKFURTER ALLEGMEINE SAID THAT THE USSR, HAVING STEPPED UP REARMAMENT IN RECENT YEARS, COUNTED ON US READINESS TO PAY "AN EXCESSIVE PRICE" FOR A SLOWDOWN; THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT SEE ANY REASON FOR THIS SINCE THE US HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 072260 TOSEC 030215

A TECHNOLOGICAL LEAD.

THE BERLINER MORGENPOST WROTE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SUFFERED HIS FIRST FOREIGN POLICY SETBACK. BUT, IT ADDED, THAT "NEED NOT BE A DISADVANTAGE." "IT MAY SHARPEN HIS SENSE OF REALITY AND STRENGTHEN HIS WILL TO ASSERT HIMSELF."

BERLIN'S DER TAGESSPIEGEL OPINED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE TESTING THE US TO SEE HOW THE NEW ADMINISTRATION REACTS TO PUBLIC REJECTION OF ITS PROPOSALS. THEY WILL WAIT TO SEE WHAT CONCESSIONS THE US WILL MAKE UNDER PRESSURE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THEY WILL "INTENSIFY THEIR POLICY

TOWARD THE US'S EUROPEAN ALLIES IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE COURSE OF US FOREIGN POLICY FROM THIS SIDE."

SWITZERLAND: NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG COMMENTED THAT THE FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL JEOPARDIZE BREZHNEV'S

DETENTE STRATEGY "IN WHICH HE HAS INVESTED MUCH PERSONAL PRESTIGE."

FRANCE: LE MONDE ASSERTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY HAD "STARTED A STORM OF ABUSE" FROM BREZHNEV. IT WANTED TO BELIEVE "THAT MR. VANCE'S FAILURE IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND THAT THE BIG TWO WILL COLLECT THEIR WITS" BEFORE STARTING A NEW ARMS RACE.

ITALY: IL GIORNALE BELIEVED THAT THE "MORALISTIC RADICALISM" IN THE US MAY BE PERCEIVED BY THE USSR AS A "GLOBAL CHALLENGE." THE SOVIETS' FIRST REACTION IS TO BLOCK SALT, THE SECOND "MAY BE BREZHNEV'S FALL," AND THE THIRD, "ACCEPTANCE OF A COLLISION COURSE WITH AMERICA."

BELGIUM: LE SOIR BELIEVED THAT "THE TEMPORARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 072260 TOSEC 030215

FAILURE" OF THE TALKS "SHOULD NEITHER SURPRISE NOR DISAPPOINT." HOWEVER, IT SAW THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO HAVE "MORALS . . . CONTROL IMMORAL REALITIES" AS MAKING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S TASK EVEN HARDER THAN THAT OF ITS PREDECESSORS.

NORWAY: OSLO'S LARGEST DAILY, AFTENPOSTEN, THOUGHT THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BE PESSIMISTIC OVER THE SECRETARY'S "EMPTYHANDED" RETURN BECAUSE THE REJECTION OF THE US PROPOSALS MEANS NO MORE THAN THE NEED FOR FURTHER MEETINGS."

AUSTRIA: THE MASS-CIRCULATION KURIER BELIEVED THERE IS "NO REASON FOR PANIC OR PESSIMISM" AND APPROVED OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE.

SWEDEN: STOCKHOLM'S LARGEST MORNING DAILY, DAGENS NYHETER, CALLED THE BREAKDOWN THE "FIRST REAL DEFEAT" THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SUFFERED. THE PAPER WORRIED THAT THIS WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ARMS SPIRAL.

ISRAEL: DAVAR DEFINED THE SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT AS ONE OF "UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS." IT SAID THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW BEEN FACED WITH HIS FIRST SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN POLICY TEST: "HOW TO REMAIN TRUE TO A POLICY WHICH CONTAINS PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES FOR THE US" WHILE PRESERVING WESTERN UNITY AND CONTAINING THE ARMS RACE.

PRC: A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY BROADCAST LIMITED ITS TREATMENT OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE MOSCOW TALKS LARGELY

TO MATERIAL FROM WESTERN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS.  
CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TOSEC, PRESS COMMENTS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 02-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE072260  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EHECK:BAL  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770113-0900  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770496/aaaadfgg.tel  
**Line Count:** 172  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** cb868bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN INR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2920273  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** INR WRAP-UP OF REACTIONS TO SOVIET REJECTION OF US SALT PROPOSALS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PARM, SOPN, PINR, XG, XF, XT, XE, US, UR  
**To:** SECRETARY  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/cb868bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009